



CITY OF

SEQUIM *News*

December 2013

**Meeting Dates & Locations**

City Council Regular Meeting Transit Center	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session Transit Center (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Transit Center	No Meeting in December
Parks and Recreation Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave.	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 13 10:00 a.m.

Possible Utility Rate Increase

As part of the 2014 budget under review by the Sequim City Council at the time of this newsletter printing, the Council is considering a 4% increase in both the water and sewer utility rates. If approved, the increase would translate to \$1.09 per month for the average water customers and \$2.21 per month for the average sewer customer. The increase would be effective on January 1, 2014 but show in the February 2014 utility bill. Please contact the City at 683-4139 with questions.

Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

The City of Sequim recognizes these are tough economic times. To financially assist those struggling to meet their basic needs, utility rate reductions will be available for qualifying low income residents effective for January 2014 usage. If your income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines or \$25,000/year, you may be eligible. There is an additional net asset-based test to determine qualification. The exact amount of your discount will be administratively determined upon receipt of all applications. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their January usage bill. **Even if you already receive the low income discount, all applicants must reapply annually.**

Applications are due January 15, 2014 and are available at the following locations: City Hall, DSHS, Sequim Community Aid, St. Vincent de Paul, Serenity House, United Way and the Sequim Senior Center. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at www.sequimwa.gov. Please don't hesitate to call City Hall (360) 683-4139 with your questions.

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You can sign up to receive City news and announcements directly through your email. Visit the City of Sequim website <http://www.sequimwa.gov> and click on E-Notifications.

**Upcoming Public Hearings**

December 9 — 1) Adopt 2013 Budget Amendments
2) Adopt 2013 TBD Budget Amendments

December 23 City Council Meeting Cancelled

**Happy Holidays!**

**City Offices Will be Closed on
Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 & 25**
For the Christmas Holiday and on
Wednesday, January 1
For New Year's Day

City Offices are Moving!

To prepare for the New Police Station/City Hall construction City services are relocating. Please see the enclosed flyer for all of the details.

**New Civic Center Design Proposals on Display
Tuesday, December 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sequim Transit Center, 190 W. Cedar St.**

Sequim residents will have the opportunity to view visuals of the proposed designs, meet and talk with the design teams, and provide input to the City Council and the project evaluation committee through comment cards.

The City has contracted with three design/build teams to propose design concepts for the new facility. Each team will be presenting to the project evaluation team throughout the day on December 3. These meetings are also open to the public. Please visit www.sequimwa.gov or call 683-4139 for the presentation and evaluation details.

Sequim Centennial Cookbooks Now on Sale!

Just in time for the holidays, "**Blackberries, Dandelions & Dungeness Crab**" the Sequim Centennial Cookbook can be purchased for \$10 at Sequim City Hall—152 W. Cedar St. until December 6, and at 609 W. Washington St., Suite 17 after December 10, and at the Sequim – Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce, 119 E. Washington Street. The cookbook is also being sold at several area retailers, and can be purchased through www.amazon.com.



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Sequim 120 Open Houses Link Walking, Safe Streets & Land Uses

Help determine how and where Sequim accommodates change and provides affordable services as the community grows by over 40% over the next 20 years. Join fellow citizens for **Open Houses** on **Friday, December 6** from **5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** or **Saturday, December 7** from **12:00 to 3:00 p.m.** at 167 West Washington Street behind That Takes the Cake. Drop in anytime to participate in self-directed activities that will give direction for land use and development mostly focused on one of the most important things in Sequim's future – your immediate neighborhood.

Please see the enclosed flyer for all of the details!

Join Sequim 120 today! Leave contact info on the project Hotline at 582-2448, or email sequim120@sequimwa.gov

To stay informed: www.sequimwa.gov/sequim120.

“Coffee with the Mayor”

Sequim residents can meet informally with Sequim City Mayor Ken Hays on Thursdays, December 5 & 19 at the Oak Table, 3rd Avenue & Bell Street at 8:00 a.m. The Mayor will be at a different published location each month, along with a notepad to take notes, to listen to anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community.

Please contact Ken Hays at (360) 460-6231 or khays@sequimwa.gov with questions.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Once the holidays are over, here are some options for recycling your Christmas tree:

Cascade Bark - 11 Washington Harbor Rd. Sequim will take your tree for free from December 26, 2013 to January 4, 2014.

Lazy J Tree Farm—225 Gehrke Rd. in Port Angeles will also recycle your tree for free.

Don't want to mess with taking the tree somewhere, **Boy Scout Troop 1491** will pick up your tree on January 3 & 4 and deliver it to Lazy J Tree Farm for a \$10 donation to be used for troop activities. Call Bernie at 582-0327 to schedule this service.

If you have yard waste service with **DM Disposal**, you can cut your tree to fit in your yard waste bin. If you do not have yard waste service, cut it to 4' pieces, bundle and leave next to your can. You will be charged an additional fee for this option.



Please bring non-perishable food items for the Sequim Food Bank to any public meeting at the Transit Center.

City of Sequim Welcomes New Park Hosts



Caecilia and Jerry Fryrear

The City of Sequim welcomes volunteers Jerry and Caecilia Fryrear and Kay Dill as Park Hosts/Docents for Carrie Blake Park. The Fryrears will be living on-site in a mobile home to the south of the main entrance driveway,

across from the Sister City Pond. Dill will live on-site in a mobile home located north of the small dog park on the east end of the park. The Park Hosts are available to answer questions for park visitors and to assist the City with any issues that may arise at the park. They will be circulating through the park wearing bright yellow ball caps and lime colored vests.



Kay Dill

Please contact Jeff Edwards in the Public Works Department at 681-3443 or jedwards@sequimwa.gov with questions.

Sequim Public Works Department to Begin Grease Trap Inspection Program

In mid-November 2013, the City of Sequim Public Works Department began a grease trap inspection program on any business or organization within the city limits that has a commercial grade kitchen. This includes, but may not be limited to, restaurants, schools, churches, and club facilities.

Animal and vegetable based fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from commercial facilities can be overlooked in grease traps and end up in the City sewer system. FOG can clog wastewater collection and treatment systems causing sewage spills, manhole overflows, and sewage system backups in homes and businesses.

Businesses can expect a Sequim Public Works staff member to visit their facility during regular business hours sometime over the next few months to conduct the inspection.

The Sequim Public Works Department appreciates the cooperation of the local community in helping to ensure Sequim's sanitary sewer and water reclamation facility systems are in prime working condition.

Please remember the maintenance of your establishment's FOG trap or interceptor system is your responsibility. Please keep your FOG trap or interceptors cleaned, well maintained and document your scheduled maintenance. When using any type of cleaning service make sure that you receive proper documentation from the service provider.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 683-4908 with questions